IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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In re Application of:

ARMIN RETTIG ET AL.

Serial No.: 10/018,896

Filed: December 14, 2001

For: METHOD FOR REFINISHING DEFECTS IN STOVED ENAMELS WITH POWDER COATING Art Unit: 1762

Examiner: Jennifer Kolb Michener

Atty. Docket: FA-1047

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Commission For Patents PO Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO THE NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION MAILED OCTOBER 8, 2003

Sir:

Applicants respond to the Non-Final Office Action mailed on October 8, 2003, please amend the above-referenced application as set forth below and consider the following remarks. A Petition for three-month extension of time in which to respond accompanies this response.

Amendments to the Claims (if made) are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this Response.

Remarks/Arguments to the Final Office Action mailed October 8, 2003 begin on page 6 of this Response.